



## HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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### Overview

Maryland's Health Care Quality Account was established in 2000 by the General Assembly and mirrors the account established by federal regulation to be used to improve the quality of care in nursing homes. The State and federal accounts are funded through civil money penalties assessed to nursing homes for violations of standards. The State fund account represents penalties assessed by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) when a deficiency exists or there is an ongoing pattern of deficiencies in a nursing home. The federal fund account represents penalties assessed by the Centers of Medicare and



Medicaid Services (CMS). During the 2007 General Assembly Session, a Health Care Quality Account was established for assisted living programs.

All of these accounts are non-lapsing, special funds to be used for training, grant awards, demonstration projects, or other purposes designed to improve the quality of care in Maryland's nursing homes and assisted living programs.

The application must include, and is evaluated on, the following criteria:

- Purpose and Summary;
- Expected Outcomes;
- Results Measurement;
- Benefits to Residents;
- Non-Supplanting;
- Consumer and other Stakeholder Involvement;
- Timeline and dates;
- Funding;
- Quarterly reporting to OHCQ;
- Involved Organizations; and
- Contacts.

Below is the link to the grant application:

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ohcq/SitePages/Grants.aspx>

At the end of the project, a final report is submitted to the OHCQ outlining the project's accomplishments and findings. Project findings may be shared with trade associations, advocates, and other stakeholders.

### Grants Awards Process

Applications for grants from the Health Care Quality Accounts are accepted in May, and are awarded on a fiscal year basis. Grant amounts vary and depend upon the number of successful applications received and availability of funds.

Note: Nursing home account awards must clearly benefit nursing home residents; assisted living account awards must clearly benefit residents of assisted living programs.

## Fund Balance and Collections

As of the end of Fiscal Year 2013 the nursing home State fund balance available was \$391,679.37; the Federal Fund balance available was \$195,004.71. For the Assisted Living account, the fund balance available at the end of Fiscal Year 2013 was \$62,595.

## FY 2014 Grant Awards

Federal or State CMP Grant	Grantee	Award	Purpose
State	Beacon Institute	\$30,000	Develop targeted approaches to improving the quality of care in small assisted living facilities
State	Beacon Institute	\$76,050	Train eight individuals to serve as Certified MOLST Trainers
State	Beacon Institute	\$134,000	Improve dementia care through improved assessment practice in skilled nursing facilities
State	University of Maryland School of Pharmacy	\$102,018	Implement an on-online educational program to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of practitioners caring for older adult
State	Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM)	\$109,850	Provide training for nursing staff to become certified in wound care
State	Baltimore County Department of Aging	\$30,708	Train long-term residents to serve as in-house advocates
State	University of Maryland Baltimore—Geriatrics & Gerontology Education and Research Program	\$5,650	Annual Geriatric Nurses Assistant Conference

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